**Title**:Need for extension of National Highway No. 214 from Pamarru to Ongole in Andhra Pradesh-Laid.

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214 from NH-9 (Pamarru) to NH-5 (Ongole) is a long felt need of the coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh. This will cut short ultimately the distance between Chennai and Calcutta (NH-5) sizeably, which in turn saves time on the journey, expenditure on fuel besides providing an alternate Highway to the existing NH-5, which has already been facing heavy traffic congestions.

By providing the proposed road between Pamarru and Ongole the coastal economy gets increased in view of the tremendous increased shrimp culture in the recent past. The port facility to export the processed shrimp to other countries is available only at Visakhapatnam and Chennai. The proposed road facilities will provide early and easy transportation of such valuable exportable commodity like shrimp, crab etc. to other countries.

In addition, the coastal Andhra Pradesh is also known for its vast potentiality of fresh water inland fish which is regularly being transported to West Bengal and other States overnight in refrigerated containers. The proposed road will certainly boost the coastal economy in terms of the increased trading of prawn catche from the sea, the inland shrimp and fish, agricultural products, etc.

The Krishna-Godavari basin has got rich deposits of oil and natural gas. Widespread explorations are also in progress. The proposed road would facilitate intra and inter-State transportation of the natural gas and oil.